

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING STANFORD NEWMAN

#### HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Stanford Newman, a man who transformed the Tampa Bay community and the cigar industry during his more than 70 years as head of the J.C. Newman Cigar Co., based in Ybor City.

Son of a Hungarian immigrant, Stanford worked in the family business alongside his father, and then his two sons, and built J.C. Newman Cigar Co. into one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of cigars. The company, which owns Cuesta-Rey and Diamond Crown Cigars, is recognized by cigar aficionados across the globe.

Even at 90 years old, Stanford continued to go to work 5 days a week, serving as chairman of the company. During his tenure, Stanford successfully guided his company through tremendous changes in the cigar industry, most notably, the Cuban embargo, which forced Newman to abandon the use of the Cuban tobacco leaf in their cigars. Not only did Stanford rise to meet this and many other challenges, but he went on to see his business flourish in the 1970s, when his Cuesta-Rey #95 cigar became the largest selling premium cigar in the nation.

Stanford's leadership did not stop at the company doors. He served as President of the Cigar Manufacturers Association of Tampa for more than 20 years and Board member of the Cigar Association of America for more than 56 years. His success and contributions earned him the 2001 Ernst and Young Florida Entrepreneur of the Year title and induction into the Cigar Aficionado's Hall of Fame.

Fortunately for the people of Tampa Bay, Stanford was not just a cornerstone of the cigar industry—he was a cornerstone of our community as well. Stanford dedicated his time, talent, and money to improving this community in countless ways.

He served as board member of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and Second National Bank of Tampa. Stanford was a member of the board of trustees at Congregation Schaarai Zedek, a longtime member of Tampa's Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was one of the founders of the Ybor City State Museum, treasurer of the Berkeley Preparatory School and president of the Dad's Club. In addition, Stanford served as longtime director of the Latin America Fiesta and was a member of the Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla, as well as a number of Tampa's social organizations.

It is particularly fitting that Stanford continues to serve his fellow man in death as he did in his long, rich life. Stanford donated his liver to a transplant patient upon his passing.

Mr. Speaker, Stanford Newman was an icon in the cigar industry and in Tampa Bay. His contributions to our community's economy and

culture will leave a lasting impression. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

### TRIBUTE TO KANSAS AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER JIM DEHOFF

#### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Jim DeHoff, who is retiring after almost 20 years as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kansas AFL-CIO.

Mr. DeHoff has served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kansas AFL-CIO since 1987. Previously, he served as Vice-President of the Kansas State Pipetrades Association, and served on the Lawrence Central Labor Council and the State of Kansas Apprenticeship Council.

Throughout his career, Mr. DeHoff was committed to the working families of Kansas, and to providing them with a safer workplace, job opportunities and health care.

In recent years, Mr. DeHoff worked tirelessly to unite all working men and women and to resolve some of the divisions among various labor organizations.

Working families in Kansas owe much to Jim DeHoff for the opportunities and benefits they now enjoy. All of Kansas is a better place to live and work thanks to the efforts of men like Jim.

I wish Jim the very best in a retirement well earned and deserved.

### IN HONOR OF VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF BOB BROOKS

#### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend, Bob Brooks, Sheriff of Ventura County, California.

Sheriff Brooks will be honored this Saturday at the Southeast Ventura County YMCA Leadership Award Banquet. The theme for the evening is "Touching Lives, Creating Peaceful Communities." They couldn't have picked a better theme with which to honor Bob Brooks. He is a dedicated husband and father, professional law enforcement executive, and community leader.

Bob Brooks is a 45-year resident of Ventura County and a 33-year veteran of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department. He has served as the county's elected sheriff since June 27, 1998.

Under his guidance, Ventura County is routinely rated one of the safest counties in the United States, despite the challenges of a

growing gang presence in some parts of the county and the ever-present threat of terrorism. He oversees 1,200 sworn and civilian employees, 2,000 volunteers, and a budget of \$187 million.

Bob's success comes partly from a supportive community of 800,000 people, but also from his own dedication to law enforcement.

Having already earned a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and a master's in Organizational Management, Bob is now pursuing a master's in Homeland Security from the Naval Post Graduate School. He is also a graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute, the National Executive Institute, and the P.O.S.T. Command College, where he graduated with distinction.

Because of his knowledge, experience, and success, Bob is in demand as a speaker at symposiums and seminars, has taught at colleges and universities, and has published articles in law enforcement, Department of Defense, and educational publications.

In his spare time, he serves on the Board of Directors of several professional, educational, and charitable organizations, including the YMCA, past president of the Ventura County Boy Scouts of America, and Executive Board memberships for the California State Sheriffs' Association and the Major County Sheriffs' Association.

Sheriff Brooks is also an honorary Rotarian and attends Sunrise Christian Fellowship. Bob and Debbie have been married 36 years and have two grown sons. In keeping with Bob's example of serving his community, Jeff is employed by the Ventura Police Department and Brian by the County of Ventura.

"Touching Lives, Creating Peaceful Communities." That's Bob Brooks. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ventura County Sheriff Bob Brooks on this most deserved honor.

### TRIBUTE TO JOHN B. DEAN

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge John B. Dean, Chief of Police of the Waterford Police Department, upon his retirement from a distinguished career in public service.

From a young age, Chief Dean dedicated his life to protecting the citizens of Michigan. At age 15, he enrolled as a cadet in the Waterford Police Department before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Following his military service, Chief Dean first joined the Detroit Police Department before returning to Waterford in 1975, where he continued his career in law enforcement. Over the next three decades, Chief Dean advanced through the ranks of the Waterford Police Department, eventually serving as a Patrol Officer, Undercover Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Youth Liaison Officer, Patrol Lieutenant,

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